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OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WESTON, 1886.

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*Town Clerk.*

GEO. W. CUTTING.

*Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.*

HENRY J. WHITE, SAMUEL H. WARREN,  
ARTHUR L. COBURN.

*Assessors.*

ALONZO S. FISKE, HENRY J. WHITE,  
FRANK H. UPHAM.

*School Committee.*

REV. AMOS HARRIS, 3 years; NAHUM SMITH, 2 years;  
HERMAN A. TRAIN, 1 year.

*Trustees of Merriam Fund.*

EDWARD COBURN, HORATIO HEWS,  
GEO. W. CUTTING.

*Treasurer and Collector.*

HORACE HEWS.

*Auditor.*

HERMAN A. TRAIN.

*Library Committee.*

OLIVER R. ROBBINS, REV. C. F. RUSSELL,  
FRANK H. UPHAM.

*Library Treasurer.*

HORACE HEWS.

*Burial Ground Committee.*EDWARD COBURN, 3 years; GEO. E. HOBBS, 2 years;  
HENRY J. WHITE, 1 year.*Road Commissioners.*ALONZO S. FISKE, 3 years; BENJ. F. CUTTER, 2 years;  
MARSHALL L. UPHAM, 1 year.*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

District No. 1.	GEO. W. CUTTING.
" No. 2.	EDWARD E. BROWN.
" No. 3.	GEO. W. DUNN.
" No. 4.	DANIEL GARFIELD.
" No. 5.	CHARLES S. CUTTER.
" No. 6.	HORACE LEADBETTER.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*DANIEL GARFIELD, DANIEL SMITH,  
BENJ. F. CUTTER.*Fence Viewers.*NATHAN BARKER, SAMUEL F. CLARK,  
HENRY J. JENNISON.*Field Drivers.*CHARLES C. KENNEY, DANA M. DUSTAN,  
HERBERT SEAVERNS.*Constables.*ALONZO S. FISKE, SAMUEL H. WARREN,  
NATHAN BARKER, JR.*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

DANIEL SMITH.

*Forest Fire Wards.*

EDWARD COBURN, MARCUS M. FISKE.

*Pound Keeper.*

NATHAN BARKER, JR.

*Public Weigher.*

GEO. W. CUTTING.

*Special Police Officers.*CHARLES F. CHASE, MERRILL FRENCH,  
WILLIAM MEAD.*Undertaker.*

FRANK H. UPHAM.

## Registrar's Report for 1886.

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### BIRTHS.

Total number of births registered in town during the year 1886, 9;—males, 4; females, 5. American parentage, 3, foreign, 6, American and foreign, *none*. Born in February, 2; March, 1; May, 1; September, 2; October, 3.

### MARRIAGES.

Number of marriage certificates issued, 5; marriages registered, 8; first marriage of party, 12; second, 4. Parties native born, 10; foreign, 6; natives of the town, 2; age of the youngest groom, 22; oldest, 72; youngest bride, 17; oldest, 60.

### DEATHS.

Number of deaths, 17; Males, 6; females, 11; single at time of death, 9; married, 2; widows, 6; buried in town, 8. Of this number, 5 were under 1 year; between 1 and 10, 2; between 10 and 20, none; between 20 and 40, none; between 40 and 50, 1; between 50 and 60, none; between 60 and 70, 5; between 70 and 80, 4. Oldest, 78 years, 10 months, 19 days; youngest, 3 months, 29 days. Died in January, 1; February, 1; March, 1; April, 1; June, 2; July, 2; August, 1; September, 3; October 1; November, 4.

### DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Consumption, 3; Cholera Infantum, 3; Bright's Disease, 3; Cancer, 2; Brain Disease, 1; Heart Disease, 1; Dropsy and Tumor, 1; Diphtheria, 1; Capillary Bronchitis, 1; General Debility, 1.

Amount paid into the County Treasury on account of dog licenses,

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUTTING,

*Town Clerk.*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

## STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.

### BILLS PRIOR.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture for High School,	\$146 85
Geo. S. Perry, furniture for High School,	44 00
N. Smith, sundry persons, care of Primary rooms, winter term of 1885-6,	30 00
N. Smith, sundry items as per bill,	13 55
Geo. O. Hastings, janitor of High School, winter term of 1885-6,	35 00
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools,	22 93
D. M. Dustin, articles for High School,	3 65
T. Metcalf & Co., " " " "	1 10
C. A. Moody, " " " "	50
J. S. Gould, labor and stock at Primary houses,	27 19
E. W. Russell, labor and stock at Primary houses,	33 70
M. L. Upham, labor at High School yard,	5 87
H. J. White, " " " house,	5 00
A. Jordon, building bridge,	251 31
Wm. Reed, covering stones,	97 80
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$718 45 \$1,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$718 45	\$1,000 00
C. F. Parks, services as Civil Engineer on Glen St.,	26 50	
C. F. Parks, services as Civil Engineer on land for H. S. yard,	18 75	
J. M. Schwartz, snow bill,	7 00	
D. J. Eldridge, " "	2 85	
S. F. Clark, gravel for Highways for 1883-4,	15 00	
C. A. Warren, painting fence on Newton St.,	17 00	
W. H. Leatherbee & Son, lumber,	11 42	
Francis Buttrick, "	16 72	
Wm. N. Gowell, making sign boards,	2 00	
A. Gregory, sundry items as per bill,	3 25	
T. Parker, " " " "	5 00	
		— \$843 94
<i>Balance unexpended,</i>		\$156 06

## TEXT BOOKS.

<i>Appropriation,</i>	\$350 00	
March. Lee & Shepard, text books,	\$1 75	
Boston School Supply Co., text books,	4 50	
April. Boston School Supply Co., text books,	15 75	
Geo. S. Perry, text books,	3 50	
King & Merrill, " "	11 71	
Harrison Hume, " "	18 47	
Harper & Bros., " "	34 55	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, text books,	7 50	
Wm. Ware & Co., text books,	4 47	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$102 20	\$350 00

	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$102 20	\$350 00
May.	Thompson, Brown & Co., text books,	8 00	
	Lee & Shepard, text books,	18 00	
	Oliver Ditson & Co., "	4 50	
	Chas. H. Whiting, "	29 26	
	D. Appleton & Co., "	18 40	
	King & Merrill, "	3 20	
	Harrison Hume, "	1 40	
	Wm. Ware & Co., "	11 60	
	Ginn & Co., "	80	
	Winkley, Dresser & Co., text books,	1 80	
June.	Educational Supply Co., text books,	2 15	
	Wm. Ware & Co., text books,	25 00	
Sept.	Boston School Supply Co., text books,	5 44	
	Leach, Shewall & Sanborn, text books,	75	
Oct.	Adams & Ingraham, text books,	5 94	
	Lee & Shepard, "	2 00	
	Clark & Maynard, "	10 08	
	Harrison Hume, "	88	
	Ginn & Co., "	9 16	
	Lee & Shepard, "	5 59	
	Educational Supply Co., text books,	90	
	Boston School Supply Co., text books,	1 30	
Nov.	Harrison Hume, text books,	2 50	
	Wm. Ware & Co., "	15 20	
	Geo. S. Perry, "	12 62	
	<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$298 67	\$350 00

	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$298 67	\$350 00
Dec.	Wm Ware & Co., " "	20 00	
	Adams & Ingraham, text books,	5 94	
	Chas. H. Whiting, " "	50	
	Harrison Hume, " "	6 15	
	Harper & Brothers, " "	8 40	
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Jan.	Boston School Supply Co., text books,	5 38	
			\$345 04
	Balance unexpended,		\$4 96

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

	<i>Appropriation,</i>	\$4,000 00
	Mass. School Fund,	164 77
Dana M. Dustan, Prin, of High School,	\$1200 00	
Abbie C. Dustan, Intermediate School,	166 67	
Julia Bowen, " " "	333 33	
Ellen M. Jones, Primary School No. 1,	400 00	
Lillie I. Dunn, " " " 2,	375 00	
M. Eva Warren, " " " 3,	375 00	
Anna C. Coburn, " " " 4,	450 00	
Lizzie J. Viles, " " " 5,	400 00	
Florence S. Stratton, Primary School No.6,	375 00	
Amount of School Fund transferred to		
School Incidentals,	30 08	
		\$4,105 08
Balance unexpended,		\$59 69

## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation.		\$1,200 00
Amount transferred from Mass School Fund,		30 08
H. C. Kendall, engrossing diplomas,	3 75	
F. Wood, programmes and motto,	9 35	
D. M. Dustan, articles for High School,	7 93	
F. W. Jackson, M.D., articles for High School	7 50	
R. W. Stewart, labor at	" "	7 00
Smith & Anthony Stove Co., furnace for High School,	229 91	
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight,	1 68	
F. E. King, coal for	High School,	115 00
" labor and stock at	" "	12 18
Geo. W. Dunn, labor and stock at High School,	21 20	
C. A. Moody, labor and stock at High School,	8 50	
F. A. Robinson, labor and stock at High School,	156 40	
Geo. O. Hastings, labor at High School,	4 00	
N. Smith, sundry items as per bill,	48 22	
" sundry persons care of Primary rooms, spring term,	24 00	
N. Smith, sundry persons care of Primary rooms, fall term,	24 00	
N. Smith, sundry persons care of Primary rooms, winter term,	30 00	
M. French, Janitor High School,	150 00	
" labor at	" "	3 00
Daniel Smith, labor and stock as per bill,	19 20	
A. S. Fiske, wood,	64 20	
Geo. H. Stratton, wood,	26 50	
E. R. Sibley,	" "	21 00
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$994 52	1,230 08

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$994 52	\$1,230 08
Geo. F. Jones,	65 00	
" " labor at No. 6 as per contract,	50 00	
A. H. Dunn, phosphate,	2 20	
E. W. Russell, painting H. S. fence,	5 35	
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools,	38 02	
W. F. Tucker, painting High School rooms,	31 50	
Curtis Robinson, finding spring at No. 6,	2 00	
Knapp & Kirwin, pump for No. 6,	9 44	
Walker & Pratt, repairs for stove,	2 40	
Geo. S. Perry, articles for schools,	3 15	
W. E. Sibley, pencil sharpeners,	13 50	
Geo. W. Dunn, wood,	8 00	
Advertiser Publishing Co., printing cards,	3 00	
C. H. Upham, tuning piano for High School,	2 00	
		\$1,230 08

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#### TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Advertiser Publishing Co., printing Town Reports,	\$91 20
H. A. Train, examining proof,	3 50
F. H. Upham, grading around Town House,	6 50
F. A. Robinson, labor and stock at Town House,	39 19
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$140 39
	\$1,200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$140 39	\$1,200 00
E. L. Bemis, labor and stock at Town House,	5 50		
F. E. King, coal for Town House,	13 50		
A. L. Coburn, wood for Town House,	11 20		
Springfield Fire and Marine Ins. Co., Ins. on Town House,	61 00		
Traders' and Mechanics' Ins. Co. of Lowell; Ins. on Town House,	37 00		
Daniel Smith, labor and stock at Town House,	1 60		
F. A. Robinson, repairing pumps,	3 12		
J. S. Gould, " "	6 76		
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for Town Hall,	15 07		
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for Library,	5 38		
F. G. Hewes, watching fire,	3 00		
Norcross, Mellen & Co., articles for Town Hall,	18 75		
Theodore Jones, painting settees,	41 00		
Stickney & Son, repairing stove for Library,	2 50		
Town of Lincoln tax,	7 16		
E. L. Barry, printing voting list and notices,	19 00		
N. Barker, Jr., services as Constable,	3 00		
H. S. Milton, legal services,	13 00		
Daniel Smith, labor and stock at Library,	15 50		
Lloyd, Bros., articles for Library,	8 37		
Henry Jennison, expenses for Memorial Day,	30 28		
C. H. Upham, tuning piano for Town Hall,	1 75		
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$463 83	\$1,200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$463 83	\$1200 00
R. W. Stewart, labor at Town Hall,	2 50	
Rice & Drake, order books for Selectmen,	7 50	
C. Packard, raising Warren's barn,	75 00	
Geo. M. Stevens, removing Town Clock,	4 96	
Horace Hews, sundry items,	5 90	
H. J. White, dist. notices for Town meeting, and stationery,	5 63	
E. M. Richardson, keys,	1 00	
A. S. Fiske, services as Constable,	15 00	
A. S. Fiske, bal. for services as Assessor,	2 25	
A. S. Fiske, administering oath to Town Officers,	3 00	
A. S. Fiske, stationery,	5 75	
John Coburn, Janitor of Town Hall,	86 00	
F. W. Jackson, M.D., medical services,	4 50	
“ “ return of births and deaths,	3 50	
Theo. Jones, care of Town Clock and sundry items,	27 50	
	—	\$713 82
Balance unexpended,		\$486 18

## HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

A. S. FISKE, <i>Road Commissioner.</i>	\$3,700 00
Appropriation,	
April. Self, 15 days,	\$37 50
Men, 67½ days,	118 13
Horses, 24½ days,	36 75
Oxen, 5½ days,	11 00
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$203 38 \$3,700 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$203 38	\$3,700 00
H. G. Russell, 16 days,	28 00		
"        horse, 15 "	22 50		
May.    Self, 6½ days,	16 25		
Men, 26½ days,	46 38		
Horses, 11½ days,	17 25		
Oxen, 3 days,	6 00		
H. G. Russell, 1 day,	1 75		
D. Cronin, as per bill,	32 62		
June.   Self, 8 days,	20 00		
Men, 30½ days,	53 38		
Horses, 10 days,	15 00		
Oxen, 3 days,	6 00		
H. G. Russell, 8 days,	14 00		
H. G. Russell, horse, 7½ days,	11 25		
Sept.   Self, 2 days,	5 00		
Men, 14 days,	24 50		
Oct.    Self, 4½ days,	11 25		
Men, 36 days,	63 00		
Horses, 5½ days,	8 25		
Oxen, 7½ days,	15 00		
H. G. Russell, 8 days,	14 00		
Nov.    Self, 3½ days,	8 75		
Men, 10 days,	17 50		
Horses, 3 days,	4 50		
Oxen, 3 days,	6 00		
H. G. Russell, 3 days,	5 25		
T. Coburn, as per bill,	15 00		
 M. L. UPHAM, <i>Road Commissioner.</i>			
March.   Self, 4 days,	10 00		
Men, 8 days,	14 00		
Horses, 6 days,	9 00		
Oxen, 1 day,	2 00		
 <i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$726 76	\$3,700 00

	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$726 76	\$3,700 00
	A. M. Upham, 3 days,	5 25	
April.	Self, 20 days,	50 00	
	Men, 40 days,	70 00	
	Horses, 40 days,	60 00	
	Oxen, 10 days,	20 00	
	A. M. Upham, 18 days,	31 50	
	H. Higgins, 21 days,	36 75	
	J. Caswell, 12 days,	21 00	
	Geo. W. Dunn, as per bill,	31 70	
May.	Self, 21 days,	52 50	
	Men, 55 days,	96 25	
	Horses, 58 days,	87 00	
	Oxen, 12 days,	24 00	
	A. M. Upham, 20 days,	35 00	
	J. Caswell, 17 days,	29 75	
	H. Higgins, 10 days,	17 50	
June.	Self, 11 days,	27 50	
	Men, 33 days,	57 75	
	Horses, 33 days,	49 50	
	Oxen, 10 days,	20 00	
Aug.	Self, 2½ days,	6 25	
	Men, 13 days,	22 75	
	Horses, 5 days,	7 50	
Sept.	Self, 8 days,	20 00	
	Men, 32 days,	56 00	
	Horses, 8 days,	12 00	
Oct.	Self, 24 days,	60 00	
	Men, 72 days,	126 00	
	Horses, 72 days,	108 00	
	Oxen, 16 days,	32 00	
	H. Higgins, 20 days,	35 00	
	J. C. Hall, 14 days,	24 50	
	<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$2,059 71	\$3,700 00

	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$2,059 71	\$3,700 00
	E. Bemis, 2 days,	3 50	
	J. H. Hussey, 32½ days,	56 87	
	“ “ men, 6½ days,	20 31	
	“ “ 1 lb. dynamite,	50	
Nov.	Men, 66 days,	115 50	
	Horses, 60 days,	90 00	
	Oxen, 20 days,	40 00	
	A. M. Upham, 20 days,	35 00	
	H. Higgins, 20 days,	35 00	
	E. Bemis, 17½ “	30 63	
	J. H. Hussey, men, 48½ days,	85 31	

*B. F. CUTTER, Road Commissioner.*

March.	Self,	1½ days,	3 75
	Men,	6 “	10 50
	Horse,	4½ “	6 75
April.	Self,	7 “	17 50
	Men,	32½ “	56 87
	Horses,	25 “	37 50
	Peter White, as per bill,		6 75
	Geo. F. Jones, “ “ “		67 00
	Wm. Seaverns, “ “ “		7 12
May.	Self,	17 days,	42 50
	Men,	84½ “	147 87
	Horses,	58½ “	87 75
	Peter White,,	2 “	5 50
	Geo. F. Jones as per bill,		42 50
	C. A. Warren, “ “ “		21 25
	Brooks Hadley, with steam drill,		
	13½ days on North ave,,		159 00
June.	Self,	8½ days,	21 25
	Men,	54 “	94 50

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$3,408 19	\$3,700 00
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	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$3,408 19	\$3,700 00
	Horses,	27 "	40 50
	Geo. F. Jones, as per bill,		50 00
July.	Self	2 days,	5 00
	Men,	17 "	29 75
	Horses,	12 "	18 00
	Wm. Seaverns, as per bill,		4 75
	C. A. Warren, " " "		25 38
August.	Self,	5 days	12 50
	Men,	18½ "	32 37
	Horses,	15 "	22 50
	C. A. Warren, as per bill,		17 50
Nov.	A. M. Loker, " " "		27 25
	<i>Amount transferred to Culverts and Railings,</i>	6 31	
			\$3,700 00

## CULVERTS AND RAILINGS.

	<i>Appropriation,</i>	\$1,000 00
	<i>Amount transferred from Highways and Sidewalks,</i>	6 31
April.	Peter White, laying wall on Newton St.,	12 00
May.	A. S. Fiske, . . . 5½ days,	13 75
	Men, 9½ "	16 63
	Horses, 9 "	13 50
	Oxen, 4 "	8 00
	H. G. Russell, and horse, 7 "	22 75
	Fitchburg Railroad, freight,	15 60
June.	J. H. Hussey, laying wall on Forest St.,	11 75
	<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$113 98
		\$1,006 31

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$113	98	\$1,006	31
A. S. Fiske,	10½ days,	26	25		
Men,	38½ "	67	38		
Horses,	8½ "	12	75		
Oxen,	12 "	24	00		
H. G. Russell,	6 "	10	50		
"    "    horse,	4½ "	6	75		
J. H. Hussey, men,	46 "	149	50		
"    "    "	27½ "	47	68		
Wm. Reed, covering stones,		33	66		
July.	B. F. Cutter,	3 days,	7	50	
	Men,	5 "	8	75	
	Horses,	6 "	9	00	
	Wm. Seaverns, as per bill,		6	25	
Aug.	C. A. Warren, " "		11	75	
	M. L. Upham,	1 day,	2	50	
	Men,	9 "	15	75	
	Horse,	2 "	3	00	
	B. F. Cutter,	6½ "	16	25	
	Men,	30 "	52	50	
	Horses,	20 "	30	00	
	C. A. Warren, as per bill,		40	33	
Sept.	M. L. Upham,	6 "	15	00	
	Men,	24 "	42	00	
	Horse,	4 "	6	00	
Oct.	Man,	2 "	3	50	
	Horse,	6 "	9	00	
	H. Higgins,	2 "	3	50	
	A. S. Fiske,	2 "	5	00	
	Men,	18 "	31	50	
	Horse,	4 "	6	00	
	Oxen,	2 "	4	00	
	H. G. Russell,	4 "	7	00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$828	53	\$1,006	31

	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$828 53	\$1,006 31
	Chestnut posts,	6 00	
Nov.	A. S. Fiske, 2 days,	5 00	
	Men, 2 "	3 50	
	H. G. Russell, 1½ "	2 63	
	" " horse, 1 "	1 50	
	A. S. Fiske, articles for Culverts and Railings,	2 40	
	W. H. Leatherbee, lumber,	27 68	
	F. A. Robinson, "	13 10	
	B. F. Cutter, articles for Cul- verts and Railings,	8 45	
1887.			
Jan.	M. L. Upham, labor on sidewalks,	29 90	
	C. A. Moody, repairing tools,	6 75	
Feb.	A. S. Fiske, as per bill,	32 63	
	B. F. Cutler, " "	9 00	
	Amount transferred to Highway Inciden- tals,	\$28 27	
		—	\$1,005 34
	Balance unexpended,		97

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#### HIGHWAY INCIDENTALS.

	Appropriation,	\$500 00
	Amount transferred from Culverts and Railways,	28 27
April.	F. W. Mead, screenings for Highways,	60 00
	A. S. Fiske, articles for High- ways,	12 14
	<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$72 14
		\$528 27

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$72 14	\$528 27
B. F. Cutter, articles for Highways,	4 70		
May. A. S. Fiske, articles for Highways,	14 67		
A. S. Fiske, board of Brooks Hadley and man, 4 weeks,	20 00		
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for Highways,	23 86		
Geo. H. Sampson, articles for Highways,	60 50		
Daniel Garfield, labor with steam drill,	65 00		
June. A. S. Fiske, articles for Highways,	22 40		
D. J. O'Donnell, repairing tools, Fitchburg R. R., freight,	6 25		
July. Wm. Reed, covering stones,	14 30		
Aug. C. A. Moody, repairing tools,	27 20		
Sept. Geo. Upham, " "	4 25		
Oct. F. E. Kendall, articles for Highways,	3 50		
Davis & Farnum, articles for Highways,	3 60		
Nov. A. S. Fiske, articles for Highways,	30 68		
Daniel Garfield, articles for Highways,	46 25		
Geo. H. Sampson, articles for Highways,	4 25		
D. J. O'Donnell, repairing tools,	31 25		
Amount transferred to Egypt Hill,	10 65		
	13 82		
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$479 27		\$528 27

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$479 27	\$528 27
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1887.		
Jan. J. H. Hussey, labor on Egypt		
Hill,	19 50	
A. S. Fiske, services as Road		
Commissioner,	22 00	
Geo. E. Sanderson, gravel,	7 50	
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		\$528 27

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### EGYPT HILL.

<i>Appropriation,</i>	\$500 00	
<i>Amount transferred from Highway Inci-</i>		
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dentals,	13 82	
June. T. Howard Barnes, services as		
Civil Engineer,	22 00	
Aug. B. F. Cutter, 3 days,	7 50	
Men, 35½ days,	62 12	
Horses, 13½ days,	20 25	
C. A. Warren, as per bill,	33 83	
Sept. " " "	71 63	
B. F. Cutter, 10½ days,	26 25	
Men, 50½ days'	88 37	
Horses, 29 days,	43 50	
Nov. B. F. Cutter, 7½ days,	18 75	
Men, 23½ days,	41 12	
Horses, 11 days,	16 50	
C. A. Warren, as per bill,	62 00	
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		\$513 82

## SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,		\$1,300 00
Henry J. White, Selectman,	40 00	
Sam. H. Warren, "	25 00	
Arthur L. Coburn, "	25 00	
A. S. Fiske, Assessor,	97 75	
H. J. White, "	38 00	
F. H. Upham, "	38 00	
Amos Harris, School Committee,	50 00	
Nahum Smith, " "	50 00	
Herman A. Train, School Committee,	50 00	
Geo. W. Cutting, Town Clerk,	91 25	
John Coburn, Librarian,	200 00	
Henry J. White, Overseer of the Poor,	15 00	
Samuel H. Warren, " " "	15 00	
Arthur L. Coburn, " " "	15 00	
Horace Hews, Treasurer and Collector,	500 00	
Herman A. Train, Auditor,	50 00	
		\$1,300 00

## CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
H. J. White, superintending and labor as per bill,	87 91	
R. W. Stewart, labor as per bill,	19 40	
J. H. Hussey, " "	111 55	
Geo. Sanderson, plants and flowers,	5 00	
S. F. Clark, trees,	32 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$255 86	\$300 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$255 86	\$300 00
F. H. Upham, canvass for use in Ceme- teries,	8 25	
Trustees,	15 00	
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		\$279 11
Balance unexpended,		\$20 89

(For items see Trustees' report.)

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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Overseers of Poor, support at Alms House,	528 00
Overseers of Poor, outside relief,	195 43
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	\$723 43
	—————
	\$276 57

(For items see Overseers' report.)

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## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation,	\$1,150 00
Waltham Bank and sundry notes,	982 86
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	\$982 26
Balance unexpended,	

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\$167 74

## DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENTS.

Appropriation,	\$800 00
Amount,	786 55
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	\$786 55

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	\$13 45
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## LIBRARY.

Appropriation, dog tax,	\$263 06
Library Treasurer,	263 06
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	\$263 06

## STATE AID.

Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson,	48 00
Mrs. Martha Tucker,	48 00
Hosea F. Travis,	48 00
Lemuel A. Smith,	48 00
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	\$192 00

## CONTINGENCIES.

Amount drawn from unexpended balance transferred into Treasury, according to Art. 15 of By-Laws,	\$401 91
H. J. White, land for High School yard,	401 91
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	\$401 91

## Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

Dr.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1886,	\$682 85
Uncollected Taxes, March 1, 1887,	1,676 43
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans,	6,700 00
Mass, Corporation Tax, bal. of 1885,	13 55
"        "        "    for 1886,	5,766 89
"    Bank Tax,	2,029 34
"    State Aid,	192 00
"    School Fund,	164 77
County Treasurer. dog tax refunded,	278 10
Weighing fees,	29 90
Sale of burial lots,	45 60
Rent of Nonsuch Pond,	15 00
Hawker and Pedler's license,	6 00
Auctioneer's licenses,	4 00
Rent of Town Hall,	96 75
Grass from Cemeteries, sold,	10 00
Voters' list sold,	60
Bent Burial Fund, int. unexpended,	3 00
Tuition of non-resident scholar,	24 00
S. J. Flint, tax of 1883 int. and cost,	28 48
Tax Receipts for 1883,	2 00
"        "    1884,	53 16
"        "    1885,	1,466 48
"        "    1886,	14,043 24
Added Tax,	2 00
Interest on Taxes,	49 73
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	\$33,383 87

## Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

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Schools,	4,075 00
School Incidentals,	1,230 08
Town “	713 82
Highways and Sidewalks,	3,693 69
Culverts and Railings,	977 07
Highway Incidentals,	514 45
Repairs on Egypt Hill,	513 82
Bills Prior,	843 94
Text Books,	345 04
Salaries of Town Officers,	1,300 00
Support of Poor,	723 43
Cemeteries,	279 11
Interest on Debt,	982 26
Discount and Abatements,	786 55
Library,	263 06
State Aid,	192 00
Contingencies,	401 91
State Tax,	1,875 00
County Tax,	1,127 27
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans,	6,700 00
“ Savings Bank, Newton St. loan,	3,000 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,169 94
Uncollected Taxes,	1,676 43
	\$33,383 87

## Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

## DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Mary F. Peirce,	\$1,000 00
Edward Peirce,	1,000 00
Abigal Jones,	800 00
First Parish, Weston,	400 00
Trustee's of Town Library Fund,	1,400 00
"      " Silent Poor,      "	3,208 00
Marshall L. Hews,	1,750 00
Bent burial fund,	106 00
Waltham Savings Bank, Church St. Loan,	3,500 00
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	\$13,164 00

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury,	1,169 94
Uncollected Taxes,	1,676 43
State Aid,	192 00
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	\$3,038 37

## ASSESSORS' VALUATION, MAY 1, 1886.

Total value of real estate,	\$1,090,250 00
" " personal estate,	810,733 00
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Total value,	1,900,983 00
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State Tax,	1,875 00
County "	1,127 27
Town "	12,717 40
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Total Tax,	\$15,719 67

## RATE PER CENT:

State Tax on property,	\$ .75 per \$1,000 00
County " " "	.36 " "
Town " " "	6.69 " "
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Total	7.80 "

Tax on real estate,	\$8,503 95
" personal estate,	6,323 72
" polls,	892 00

Number of polls,	446
" dwellings,	275
" horses,	415
" cows,	901
" sheep,	06
" neat cattle other than cows,	104
" swine,	241
" acres taxed,	10,420 $\frac{1}{8}$
" Taxpayers including 56 non-residents,	602

Number paying tax on property including non residents,	383
" Poll Tax payers only,	219
" Military roll,	144
" School children between ages of 5 and 15,	260

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. TRAIN, *Auditor.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1887.



## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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### DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1886,	\$682 85
Rent of Town Hall,	96 75
" Nonsuch Pond,	15 00
Weighing fees,	29 90
Sale of burial lots,	45 60
Grass from Cemeteries, sold,	10 00
Hawker and Pedler's license,	6 00
Auctioneer's licenses,	4 00
Voters' list, sold,	60
Bent Burial Fund, interest unexpended,	3 00
Tuition non-resident scholar,	24 00
S. I Flint, tax of 1883, interest and cost,	28 48
Corporation Tax, balance 1885,	13 55
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans,	6,700 00
County of Middlesex, dog tax refunded,	278 10
State of Massachusetts, income from School Fund,	164 77
" " " Corporation Tax,	5,766 89
" " " National Bank Tax,	2,029 34
" " " State Aid refunded,	192 00
Horace Hews, Collector of Taxes, 1883,	2 00
" " " " 1884,	53 16
" " " " 1885,	1,466 48
" " " " 1886,	14,043 24
" " " Added Tax,	2 00
" " " Interest on Taxes,	49 73
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	\$31,707 44

## CR.

By paid State of Massachusetts, State Tax,	\$1,875 00
“ County of Middlesex, County “	1,127 27
“ Waltham National Bank, temporary loans,	6,700 00
“ Waltham Savings Bank, Newton St. loan,	3,000 00
“ Sundry persons, Selectmen’s orders,	17,835 23
Balance in Treasury,	1,169 94
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	\$31,707 44

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1887.

## TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

Tax of 1886,	\$1,676 43
	HORACE HEWS, <i>Collector.</i>

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1887.

# REPORT

OF THE  
SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The Almshouse was under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Pierce the first 37 days of the past year, who had served us faithfully the past three years.

We secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mead for the remainder of the year, who have served with great acceptance and still remain in charge. At the beginning of the year there were 6 inmates: Mrs. Harriet Dudley, aged 59 years; Frank B. Nelson, aged 30 years, who was discharged April 28th; Robert H. Purcell, aged 13 years, discharged Dec. 11th; Herman Purcell, aged 11 years, also discharged Dec. 11th; Mrs. John L. Seaverns, aged 64 years; Joseph H. Seaverns, aged 46 years. Present number, three.

592 tramps cared for during the year.

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## RECEIPTS FROM THE FARM.

Cash on hand,	\$14 20
Cash received for sale of milk,	912 45
"	227 00
"	14 00
"	92 44
"	89 31

*Amounts carried forward,* \$1,349 40

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1,349 40
"                poultry,	20 30
"                potatoes,	8 00
"                board of Mrs. Cutter,	89 41
"                Treasury,	528 00
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	\$1,995 11

## EXPENSES.

Cash paid David H. Pierce, Superintending,	\$32 95
"      William H. Mead,	328 00
"      groceries,	208 70
"      flour and grain,	372 77
"      brewers' grains,	199 51
"      meat,	144 08
"      fish, salt, and soap,	23 35
"      clothing,	37 70
"      household goods,	33 84
"      cows,	210 25
"      labor,	54 60
"      coal,	50 47
"      repairs,	23 44
"      farming tools,	23 20
"      blacksmithing,	24 51
"      manure, phosphates, etc.,	66 17
"      medical attendance and medicine,	9 51
"      hardware,	4 89
"      sleigh,	5 00
"      horse collar and blankets,	6 00
"      stove,	29 75
"      garden seeds,	12 81
"      sundries,	31 63
Cash in hand of Superintendent,	61 98
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	\$1,995 11

## OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Cash paid City of Waltham for aid rendered Mrs.

Mary Veno,	\$40 13
" Mrs. Mary Veno,	48 00
" care and board of Thomas Carter,	68 30
" Dr. R. E. Brown,	16 50
" for removal of James Toohig to hospital,	3 00
" Dr. Fred. W. Jackson,	19 50
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	\$195 43
Cost at Almshouse,	528 00
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Total cost,	\$723 43

The Selectmen make the following Estimate of Expenditures for the ensuing year:

For Highways,	4,500 00
Culverts and railings,	500 00
Highway incidentals,	500 00
Schools,	4,000 00
School incidentals,	1,100 00
Text books,	350 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Cemeteries,	300 00
Interest on debt,	1,000 00
Salaries of Town Officers,	1,350 00
Discount and abatements,	800 00
Town incidentals,	1,200 00
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	\$16,600 00

## TOWN WARRANT.

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Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting to be held March 21, 1887:

The meeting will be called at 12.30 o'clock, P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the reports of the several Boards of Town Officers, and also to act upon the reports of any committee chosen by the Town.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will elect their several Boards of Officers upon one ballot, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To grant and appropriate such sums of money as may be thought necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes, and act anything relative to the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9. To vote upon the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town ?

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to improve land bought to enlarge the High School grounds, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to employ Counsel to defend the interests of the Town.

HENRY J. WHITE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Weston.</i>
SAMUEL H. WARREN,		
ARTHUR L. COBURN.		

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The following names will be reported at the Annual March Meeting, to be placed in the Jury box, subject to the revision of the Town :

Amri Barker,	Edward Pierce,
Emery L. Bemis,	Fitz A. Robinson,
James Cooper,	Cornelius L. Keefe,
Frank Cooper,	Edward Leadbetter,
Thomas E. Coburn,	Daniel Smith,
Hosea F. Davis,	Herbert Seaverns,
George W. Dunn,	Walter Smith,
George W. Downing,	George L. Sibley,
Marcus M. Fiske,	Frank H. Upham,
Josiah S. Gould,	Charles H. Upham,
Edward C. Green,	Samuel H. Warren,
Nathan S. Fisk,	Henry A. Wheeler.

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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The money appropriated for Highways has been expended in different parts of the Town in repairs and improvements.

The culvert washed away by Stony Brook at the freshet one year ago, has been rebuilt, but there are several of less dimensions in different parts of the Town which overflow at almost all of our annual spring freshets, washing roads badly and which it would be economy to rebuild.

Egypt Hill, for which an appropriation was made three years since, has been remedied by building a piece of new road avoiding the Hill, Mr. Hubbard generously giving the land for the purpose. The long delay has been owing to the Town of Wellesley, the improvement lying in both Towns.

Our roads will, we believe, compare favorably with those of any Town the same distance from Boston, but our main streets leading towards the Hub will require more attention as the through travel yearly increases and the public are not satisfied with such ways as were in existence twenty years since and called good at that time. Church street and Newton street have been widened and graded, thus making easy access to the centre from the north and south sides of the Town, and will we hope, serve to bind us together in friendship and unity.

But much remains to be done. Our citizens residing on our numerous cross roads should not be forgotten. They have cheerfully contributed by taxation and otherwise to the improvement of our main avenues, and their wishes and interests should not be entirely ignored.

We would not recommend forty of fifty feet streets, but would suggest that by grubbing and removing boulders where-

ever practicable, they be widened and graded to a width of twenty feet, so as to be reasonably safe for all carriages and teams to pass and repass each other at any and all times. Many citizens have requested and urged us to widen and straighten Central avenue in various places, but we feel scarcely justified, even if we have the right to do it, out of our annual appropriation for Highways.

We would suggest the propriety of asking the County Commissioners to define the lines of Central avenue, and then that the Town authorities and the abutters unite in striving to improve the avenue by uniform sidewalks and fences where desirable, believing that our Main street can be made second to none in the County of Middlesex in point of beauty and attractiveness, and also that our Town Improvement Society will cheerfully approve, acquiesce in, and materially assist in so doing.

According to the vote of the Town at the last annual meeting, a survey for a new road running from near the house of Wm. M. Roberts on Concord street to the junction of Concord and Sudbury streets has been made. A plan has been drawn and estimates made too voluminous to appear in this report, but will be submitted at the annual meeting.

In conclusion, we recommend liberal appropriations for Highways, believing that next to schools nothing tends more to advance the material interests and prosperity of the Town, than good and pleasant roads.

Respectfully submitted by

ALONZO S. FISKE,  
B. F. CUTTER,  
M. L. UPHAM, }      *Road  
Commissioners  
of Weston.*

# REPORT

## OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

The Trustees of Cemeteries submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1887.

Beside the usual work of keeping the Cemeteries in order, the front wall of the Central Burial ground has been levelled up and pointed, and the remainder of the wall reset. In Linwood Cemetery the wall above the main entrance has been pointed, and two lots sold, making in all 41. Whole number of interments, 66.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash received for burial lots,	\$45 60
"    "    " hay, .	10 00
Damage done by cutting trees in Central	
Burial ground,	100 00
Appropriated,	300 00
	_____
	\$455 60

### EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid to Hiram Garfield, for 4 stone	
posts,	\$3 60
Geo. Sanderson, for plants,	5 00
	_____
Amounts carried forward,	\$8 60
	_____
	\$455 60

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$8	60	\$455	60
Samuel F. Clark, trees for Linwood avenue,	32	00		
Canvass for use in Cemeteries,	8	25		
John H. Hussey, labor on walls,	211	55		
Luther F. Upham, labor,	21	75		
Freeman S. Jennison, labor,	19	06		
R. W. Stuart, labor,	33	28		
Bertie Robinson, labor,	3	75		
H. J. White, labor,	25	87		
Trustees, for services,	15	00		
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Amount of expenses,	\$379	11		
Balance unexpended,	76	49		
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			\$455	60

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. WHITE,  
EDWARD COBURN,  
GEORGE E. HOBBS, }      Trustees.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.  
OF THE  
MERRIAM FUND FOR THE SILENT POOR.

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DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1886,	\$186 37
Interest from Fund,	192 48
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	\$378 85

CR.

Paid Trustees' orders,	\$191 21
Balance unexpended,	187 64
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	\$378 85

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1887.



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The School Board herewith submit their annual Report.  
The Committee is composed of the following gentlemen :

Herman A. Train, term expires in 1887.

Nahum Smith.        "        "        1888.

Amos Harris,        "        "        1889.

Amos Harris, Chairman.

H. A. Train, Secretary.

Nahum Smith, Sub-Committee on finance, repairs and singing.

Amos Harris, } Sub-Com. on text books and course of  
Nahum Smith, } study.

School No. 1. Under the special care of Amos Harris.

"	2.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	3.	"	"	"	"	Nahum Smith.	
"	4.	"	"	"	"	"        "	
"	5.	"	"	"	"	H. A. Train.	
"	6.	"	"	"	"	"        "	

## HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. DANA M. DUSTAN, Teacher.

The school has now been taught by the same Principal, Mr. Dustan, for four years.

There being three classes, and each class having three or more studies, the work devolving on the teacher is necessarily

sufficient to tax his power of endurance. We think the school will compare very favorably with similar High Schools as to the amount and thoroughness of the work done.

We endeavor to train and discipline the mind of the scholars so that they will think for themselves.

Our course of study embraces that continued and thorough mastering of Mathematics and the Sciences, so that we may reasonably hope to educate your scholars both to be practical and capable of reasoning with a good degree of accuracy.

The class of twelve which graduated this year, gave good evidence that their mental training was in the right direction and that they had been disciplined to think for themselves as well as to express their thoughts in a logical and chaste manner.

We are not unmindful of the great improvement that has been made of late in educational appliances. In many respects the change has amounted to an entire revolution in the general make-up of the text-books.

The manner of teaching is also very much modified. Books have been issued by men of rare ability, setting forth in a most lucid manner, principles and methods that afford much light as to the solving of the educational problem, so that we feel that our schools, and especially the High School, ought to make progress along the lines best adapted for your youth when such desirable assistance is available.

The school rooms are evidently the best that we can have in the building and are giving good satisfaction. While many in the lower towns have not been able to warm their school rooms sufficiently to be comfortable much of the time during our inclement winter, we have succeeded in warming your rooms, with but few exceptions, amply for the comfort of your scholars. ◆

We earnestly hope that in the future as in the past, you will render all the assistance, and use all the influence requisite to make your High School of still greater utility to your youth.

It affords us great pleasure to close this report by recording the fact that Miss Florence Coburn, a graduate of the last class, has been perfect in attendance at school for twenty-two terms.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	37
Average membership,	-	-	-	-	-	33
"    attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	32
Tardy marks,	-	-	-	-	-	20

Perfect in attendance :

For 22 terms, Florence Coburn.
"    9    "    Fannie Fiske.
"    9    "    George Spear.
"    3    "    Elden Jennison.

In behalf of the School Committee,

AMOS HARRIS, *Chairman.*

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MRS. ABBIE C. DUSTAN, { Teachers.  
MISS JULIA BOWEN, }

It it with great pleasure that we can report this school as having been under the charge of so able and gifted a teacher as Mrs. Dustan has shown herself to be for so many successive years.

It was with profound regret that we were under the necessity of accepting her resignation given during the summer vacation.

The esteem and love of the scholars for their former teacher, her long experience in the school-room, her kind and firm discipline and moral character, rendered the position she had so acceptably occupied very difficult to fill. A very brief time was at command, and the committee acting according to the best of their knowledge, secured the services of Miss Julia Bowen.

She had formerly taught school, but not of the grade of your Intermediate. Her lack of experience in such a school and of adaptation to the demands upon her executive ability, weakened her influence in governing the school so as to secure the best results. She labored diligently, sympathized deeply with her scholars, and laid out her strength unreservedly to instruct them. She deserves our confidence and esteem for the spirit she manifested during the terms she taught. Regarding her talents for teaching as better adapted to some other school, she has resigned her position, and your committee are endeavoring to secure a successor.

The school, as a whole, shows more than usual ability. We are gratified to see early indications of good scholarship. The school has more and better talent for singing than usual. Drawing and writing are already so mastered that some of the pupils give unmistakable evidence of special endowments in these arts.

The course of study is the same as reported last year. The number of scholars of the requisite age to enter the school is about the same as previous years.

The outlook for this school is encouraging and the place which it takes is seen to be of growing importance. May it receive the hearty co-operation of parents and friends.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	34
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Average membership,	-	-	-	-	-	31
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" attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	29
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Tardy marks,	-	-	-	-	-	23
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Perfect in attendance:

For 6 terms, Mary Trask.

" 6 " Harry Cowan.

" 3 " Bertie Tyler.

" 3 " Alfred Sibley.

In behalf of the School Committee,

AMOS HARRIS, *Chairman.*

## EAST CENTRE SCHOOL—No. 1.

MISS NELLIE M. JONES, Teacher.

Of the thirty-seven scholars in this school, five are over eleven years of age, the remainder (thirty-two) are only ten and under. Although the average age is so young, good order has been maintained and the school has been very happy and united during the past year. The older scholars have been interested in their studies, therefore progress has been made in the different branches.

The younger portion of the school has been supplied with those modern incentives by which their attention is easily secured and the mind made more readily to understand the first rudiments of an education.

Drawing, singing, writing and calisthenics have all received their due proportion of time and attention, and evidently have been enjoyed by the pupils and profited thereby.

We were very glad to see the large number of parents and friends present at the examination, thus evincing their interest in the school and giving encouragement to the scholars.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	37
Average membership,	-	-	-	-	32
“ attendance,	-	-	-	-	25
Tardy marks,	-	-	-	-	53

Perfect in attendance: Oliver Warren Kenney.

AMOS HARRIS, *Sub-Committee.*

## WEST CENTRE SCHOOL—No. 2.

LILLIE I. DUNN, Teacher.

This school has not been invaded the past year by any of those contagious diseases which, in previous years have proved very detrimental in their effect upon the scholars.

Interest has been secured in all the lines of study, and a good degree of discipline of the mind has been attained.

Ten years of continued service of a teacher in the same school is not without its superior advantages over a school where change has for various reasons been a necessity. This school is reaping the benefit of such a prolonged term of service by the same teacher.

A cheerful and pleasant atmosphere pervades the school-room. Young and older seem to try to make the school like a family of brothers and sisters.

The moral tone is healthful and the intellect is sharpened by honest effort and wholesome rivalry.

The writing books indicate great care and interest on the part of all the pupils in this very important art. Some have made superior attainments in the use of the pen. Seldom, if ever, do we find better writing in this grade of schools.

Drawing and Calisthenics are receiving some attention, and proficiency has been made in them.

The outlook for this school has not been brighter or more encouraging than at the present, since our acquaintance with it.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	28
Average membership,	-	-	-	-	21
“ attendance,	-	-	-	-	19
Tardy marks,	-	-	-	-	20

AMOS HARRIS, *Sub-Committee.*

## NORTHWEST SCHOOL—No. 3.

MISS M. EVA WARREN, Teacher.

The year opened with a very good number of scholars for this school. The Spring and Fall terms were in point of numbers, very encouraging to us all, and so of course good and efficient work was the result.

The Winter term brought trial and sickness which depleted the ranks sadly, and as adverse circumstances often bring out our best qualities, so may be proved the quality of those who have to "labor and to wait."

And so we were gratified that so much could be done under such limitations. The little band made up in quality all that was wanting in quantity. We have reason to hope for an increase in numbers in the coming year.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	20
Average membership,	-	-	-	-	10
" attendance,	-	-	-	-	9

Perfect in attendance for the year: Bertha Eldredge.

NAHUM SMITH, *Sub-Committee.*

## NORTHEAST SCHOOL—No. 4.

It is easily said that this school firmly holds its well won position as the school of the town, not only in strength of number, but in power of character, and that it keeps its place in the hearts of its past members and in the interest of its many friends who crowd its too small room on its public days, to see and hear how well its good work is kept up by those who fill up the ever changing places in its lengthening ranks.

With renewed feelings of gratitude we can record that we

have had another year of health and prosperity ; no sickness to interfere with its work, the absences confined to its little ones, and one term not a tardy mark on its page. So with a clean bill of health we come into port.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	52
Average membership for the year,	-	-	-	-	41
"    attendance,	-	-	-	-	37
Tardy marks,	-	-	-	-	5

Perfect in attendance :

For 10 terms, Bertie H. Trask.
"    9    "    Geo. E. Tyler.
"    9    "    Guy W. Trask.
"    5    "    Martin Corrigan.
"    3    "    Effie A. Richardson.
"    3    "    Alice L. Tucker.
"    3    "    George F. Vittum.

NAHUM SMITH, *Sub-Committee.*

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### SOUTHEAST SCHOOL—No. 5.

MISS LIZZIE J. VILES, Teacher.

Words are unnecessary to express our pleasure and satisfaction with the success that has attended this school during the past year. The quiet and orderly deportment of the scholars, and the decided progress they have made in the several branches of study, have been very commendable.

The perseverance and zeal which the scholars have manifested in their prompt and regular attendance, are worthy of *special* mention. The school has not only enjoyed a very rapid growth numerically, but there has been a corresponding increase in intellectual power and development, which has

caused it to become one of the largest and most important of the primary schools in town.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	47
Average membership,	-	-	-	-	-	40
"    attendance,	-	-	-	-	-	36
Tardy marks,	-	-	-	-	-	12

Perfect in attendance for the year:

Levi B. Jennings.      Bertha I. Jennings.  
                            David Jackson.

HERMAN A. TRAIN, *Sub-Committee.*

## SOUTHWEST SCHOOL—No. 6.

MISS FLORENCE S. STRATTON, Teacher.

It is with pleasure that we are able to report another year of continued growth and prosperity.

It is especially gratifying to mention the increase in the membership of the school, so that as one and another leave, others come to take their places, and thus the working material is undiminished. Aside from the general school-work, the evident talent of the scholars in singing and drawing, two very important branches of study, deserve special attention.

The present condition of the school is such as to indicate a successful future.

Whole number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	18
Average membership,	-	-	-	-	14
"    attendance,	-	-	-	-	13
Tardy marks,	-	-	-	-	49

HERMAN A. TRAIN, *Sub-Committee.*

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCE AND REPAIRS.

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ITEM 1.	Appropriation for support of schools, -	\$4,000 00
	Income from Massachusetts School Fund,	164 77
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		\$4,164 77
	Expenditure for support of Public Schools, -	4,075 00
	Unexpended Balance, - - - - -	\$89 77
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ITEM 2.	Appropriation for school incidentals, -	\$1,200 00
	Amount transferred from School Fund,	30 08
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	Expenditure for school incidentals, - - -	\$1,230 08
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ITEM 3.	Appropriation for purchase of school books and stationery, - - - - -	\$350 00
	Expenditure, - - - - -	\$345 04
	Balance unexpended, - - - - -	\$4 96

Respectfully submitted,

NAHUM SMITH, *Sub-Committee.*

# REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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The Library now contains about 6,000 volumes. The books are mostly in good condition considering the length of time which they have been in use. During the year, 283 books have been added, 247 of which were purchased and thirty-five presented. 7,974 books have been taken out during the year.

Donations of books and pamphlets have been received from the following sources, viz.: Mrs. C. J. Paine, Mrs. H. A. Upham, Hon. F. D. Ely, Hon. W. B. Hazen, Rev. Charles Niclin, Mrs. F. H. Hastings, Mr. Herbert Merriam, Mr. E. A. Jones, Mr. Benj. Pierce, Mr. Frank H. Upham, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Interior, United States Civil Service Commission Bureau of Education, Boston Public Library, Harvard College Library, American Unitarian Association, and the publishers of the Waltham Free Press.

Books have been taken from the several departments in about the usual proportions. Fiction has as usual found the most readers. Biography and books of travel are always in demand. Poetry has received rather more attention than formerly, though there is still but little call for it. History and general Literature have been in good demand. Science is neglected. Our Library is well supplied with books wherein Science in nearly all its branches is so popularized as to be

easily understood by the general reader. This department does not receive the attention which we think it deserves. Here may be found a vast store of knowledge revealing in plain language the wonders of nature which, only a few short years ago, were unsolved mysteries, even to the most learned.

Agriculture is also a neglected department which is well supplied with standard works on farming in all its branches. The Massachusetts Agricultural Reports of past years contain a large amount of information upon Agriculture, Horticulture, Arboriculture, Pomology, Road-making, and a great variety of other subjects. The volume of 1877-78 contains an analytical index of the Series from 1853 to 1877. This volume may be found in the Reference Library.

The Committee have endeavored to keep the Library supplied with the best of the new publications so far as they seemed adapted to the needs of our community.

Among the more important works added during the year may be mentioned Johnson's Cyclopedias, which will, we think, prove of great value as a work of reference, not only for the general reader, but more especially for teachers and scholars.

Another important work is a Narrative and Critical History of America, for which the Committee have subscribed. Volumes 2, 3, 4 and 5 are now in the Library. The first volume of the series will be the last to appear. Its publication is postponed on account of researches which are being made by the Massachusetts Historical Society, concerning the early history of America. When completed this work is expected to be the best history of America extant.

The Committee have heard of no complaints concerning the management of the Library, and trust it has been in every way satisfactory. We are, nevertheless, cognizant of the fact that criticism is a privilege if not a duty of our patrons, and we hope that no one will hesitate to enter complaints should occasion require. The Library contains a few books which it is thought best that the young should not read. Whenever a

book is known to be of this character, the Librarian is given discretionary power concerning the same, with instructions to withhold where it would be likely to do harm.

[For financial exhibit see Treasurer's Report.]

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,  
CHAS. F. RUSSELL,  
FRANK H. UPHAM, }      *Library Committee.*

WESTON, March 1, 1887.

## LIBRARY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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	\$409 63

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1887.

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